

Meeting of the State Engineer, with the
Water Users of the Weber River System
(exclusive of Ogden River)
Fourth Floor, South City Court Room,
Ogden, Utah, January 9, 1951.

ANNUAL MEETING Pursuant to the Call of the State Engineer, a meeting of the Water Users of the Weber River System (exclusive of Ogden River) was held in the South City Court Room, Fourth Floor, Municipal Building, Ogden, Utah on January 9, 1951. Joseph M. Tracy, State Engineer, stated he wished to turn the meeting over to the Water Users, inasmuch as this has been the procedure followed in the past, whereupon M.J. Davies moved that D.D. Harris act as Chairman, and M.H. French Secretary of the meeting. Called to order by Chairman Harris at 1:00 o'clock P.M. The Chairman requested the Secretary to read the Call of the Meeting which is as follows:

TO THE WATER USERS OF WEBER RIVER SYSTEM:

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with Title 100, Chapter 5, Utah Code Annotated, 1943, a meeting of water users of the Weber River System will be held in the Courtroom Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building, Ogden, Utah, Tuesday, January 9, 1951, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of: (1) Hearing the financial report for 1950: (2) Making recommendations to the State Engineer as to the appointment of Water Commissioners for the 1951 season, and as to their duties; (3) Preparing a budget of salaries and other necessary expenses of distribution and (4) Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

JOSEPH M. TRACY, State Engineer

Attending the meeting were:

Water Users: D.D. Harris, Lewis Spaulding, M.J. Davies, representing the Weber River Water Rights Committee, J.M. Jones and E.G. Thorum, representing the Utah Power & Light Co., and Wm. E. Cornia and Robert H. Giles.

Representing the State Engineer's office: Joseph M. Tracy, State Engineer, L.C. Monson, Chief Deputy State Engineer, Frank Reese and T. Vinton Smith.

Water Commissioner, P.H. Sorensen.

D.D. Harris stated that the Weber River Water Rights Committee, representing between 90 and 95% of all water on the Weber River, together with other water users present, named above shows that a majority of water users of the Weber River (exclusive of the Ogden River) are represented.

APPROVAL The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting held on January
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MINUTES 10, 1950. J.M. Jones moved the minutes be approved as read. Seconded by Lewis Spaulding and upon vote carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Chairman Harris stated that at the meeting of the Weber River Water Rights Committee held in the forenoon of January 9, 1951, the Financial Statement of the State Engineer was read and fully discussed, after which it was unanimously approved, and he requested Mr. Frank Reese of the State Engineer's office to read the State Engineer's Financial Statement for the year just closed. The statement was read, and after discussion upon various items therein, E.G. Thorum moved that the Financial Statement as read be approved and ordered filed. Motion seconded by Wm. E. Cornia and upon vote carried unanimously. Mr. Frank Reese suggested that the State Engineer's office is desirous of finding a more simple method of levying assessment upon the water users of the Weber River, inasmuch as the present method used is not easily understandable to the lay-man, not highly trained in water distribution, such as employed upon the Weber River. Mr. Harris stated that the method now employed in levying assessment had been discussed at various times in the past, but suggested that because of the peculiarities that appear to be necessary in levying the assessment upon the Weber River system, that further study should be made before any change is made, and stated further that the Executive Committee of the Weber River Water Rights Committee would be glad to discuss the matter further in cooperation with the State Engineer.

The delinquent list, as shown by the Financial Statement of the State Engineer, was discussed and it was pointed out that the total thereof was larger than one year ago, but explanation was made that the larger delinquencies now showing, some of which have been paid since the first of the year, and Commissioner Sorensen stated that several others would be paid within the very near future. The Chairman called attention to the amount of delinquencies as shown, as being very small in consideration of the total amount of the assessments, and congratulated the State Engineer's office in its very splendid showing of the collection of assessments, and urged that the same diligence in making collections as has been employed in the past, shall be continued in the future.

PROPOSED Chairman Harris stated prior to this meeting at 10:00 a.m. of this BUDGET

day, the Weber River Water Rights Committee, representing 90 to 95% of all the water of the Weber River, held a meeting, at which there was unanimous approval upon a proposed budget of expenditures and the appointment of a Commissioner and Deputies, their salaries, and duties in relation to the water distribution of the Weber River (exclusive of the Ogden River) for the year ending December 31, 1951, and that the same to be so recommended to the State Engineer for his consideration. Whereupon the Secretary read the proposed budget of expenses for water distribution, and the so recommended appointments of the Commissioners and Deputies at the salaries and expenditures as set out in the proposed budget, which is as follows:

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENSE FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION, FOR THE WEBER RIVER SYSTEM (EXCLUSIVE OF THE OGDEN RIVER), FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 1951 TO DECEMBER 31, 1951. P.H. SORENSEN, WATER COMMISSIONER, TO THE WEBER RIVER WATER RIGHTS COMMITTEE

1. Commissioner P.H. Sorensen:

Salary, 12 months at \$375.00 per month, to begin Jan. 1, 1951 to end Dec. 31, 1951	\$4,500.00
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2. Commissioner P.H. Sorensen's expense:

a. Automobile hire - 1600 mil @ 6¢ per mi.	960.00	
b. Subsistence	125.00	
c. Office expense, telephone, etc.	170.00	
	1,255.00	

Proposed Budget, continued:

3. Deputy Commissioner, A.F. Richards, at Oakley, Salary, 5 months at \$260.00 per month a. Automobile hire - 7000 mi. @ 6¢ per mi.	1,300.00 <u>420.00</u>	1,720.00
4. Deputy Commissioner, R.H. Giles at Morgan: Salary, 5 months at \$260.00 per month a. Automobile hire - 5,000 mi. @ 6¢ per mi.	1,300.00 <u>300.00</u>	1,600.00
5. Deputy Commissioner, Wm. E. Cornia at Uintah: Salary, 5 months at \$130.00 per month		650.00
6. Annual Report		250.00
7. Bonds and Insurance for Commissioner and Deputies		85.00
8. Expense of State Engineer's Office		250.00
9. Snow Survey		85.00
10. New Equipment and Repairs to Old Equipment		25.00
11. Miscellaneous Expense		50.00
12. Expense of Commissioner's attendance at N.R.A. Convention		<u>100.00</u>
Total Proposed Budget		\$10,570.00

In reading the proposed budget, the items contained therein were compared with the similar items of the adopted budget of the past year. After the reading and presentation of the budget, Lewis Spaulding moved that the budget covering the proposed expenses of water distribution of the Weber River and the appointment of the Commissioner and Deputies, their salaries and expenses as shown in the budget be approved and so recommended to the State Engineer. Seconded by Morgan J. Davies, and upon vote, carried unanimously.

REPORT ON P.H. Sorensen, Commissioner was asked to report on the program for the MEASURING DEVICES installation of new measuring devices, which were requested of the State Engineer in accordance with the recommendations of the Weber River Water Rights Committee made in the meeting held January 10, 1950. Mr. Sorensen reported there has been purchased, 15 new headgates, 11 measuring devices and 2 control spillways

about one-third of which have been installed, and the remainder in readiness to be installed. He stated that it would be necessary to continue this program if sufficient devices were to be installed on the Weber River. D.D. Harris complimented the State Engineer's office for the work done, and asked that this work be continued in the future, as needed, so that the flow of water could be determined.

AUTHORIZATION OF
THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE
W.R. WATER RIGHTS
COMMITTEE TO ACT
FOR ALL USERS ON
WEBER RIVER SYSTEM
BETWEEN MEETINGS.

D.D. Harris stated that the Weber River Water Rights Committee, at its meeting in the forenoon of January 9, 1951, recommended that the Executive Committee of the Weber River Water Rights Committee, consisting of D.D.

Harris, Edward Sorenson and Morgan J. Davies, shall act

for and on behalf of the water users of the Weber River system, between regularly called meetings of the Committee, and between annual meetings of the State Engineer with the Water Users of the Weber River system, in matter pertaining to water distribution, and shall confer with the State Engineer in these matters as occasion shall require, whereupon, E.G. Thorum moved that the Executive Committee of the Weber River Water Rights Committee be so authorized and empowered to act for and on behalf of all of the water users of the Weber River between meetings. Seconded by J.M. Jones and upon vote carried unanimously.

REMARKS OF
ST. ENGINEER

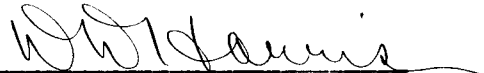
Joseph M. Tracy, State Engineer said that it was a great pleasure for him to revisit Ogden, and he wished to assure the water users on the Weber River that the State Engineer's office will cooperate in every way possible, and give whatever help it can. He stated that it was very fortunate that we had Mr. P.H. Sorensen, Water Commissioner to administer the water on the Weber River and that he has done a wonderful job and cooperated fully with the State Engineer's office. He also mentioned the Weber Basin Project, which he

said will mean a great deal to this vicinity, and expressed the hope that the work could go forward without delay.

REMARKS OF D.D. Harris expressed the thanks of the Water Users for Mr. Tracy's
CHAIRMAN

D.D.HARRIS remarks and willingness to cooperate, and stated that the harmonious feelings of the water users of the Weber River and the State Engineer's office, is a matter of great satisfaction.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion, duly seconded it was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.


Chairman.